# Introduction to Scientific Python

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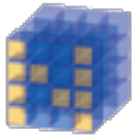

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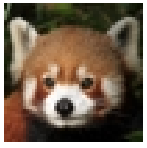

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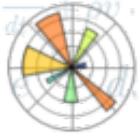

Matplotlib


IPython

# Popular Python Neuroscience Libraries


Brian

PyNN


NeuroTools

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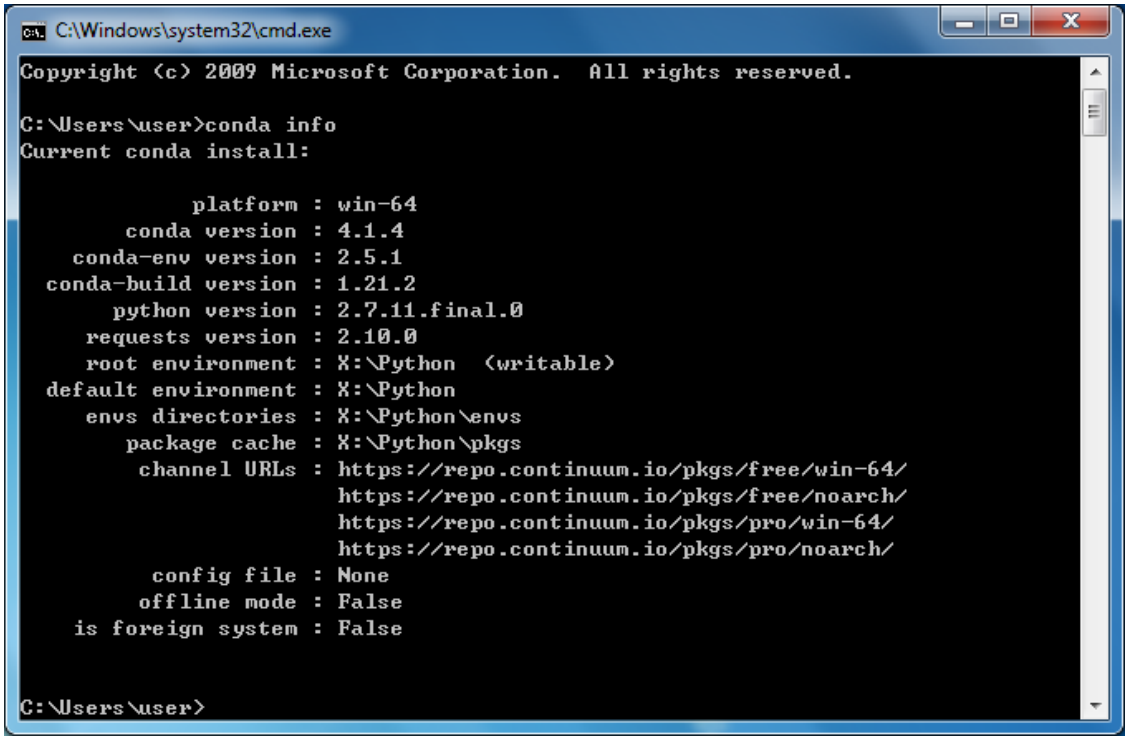

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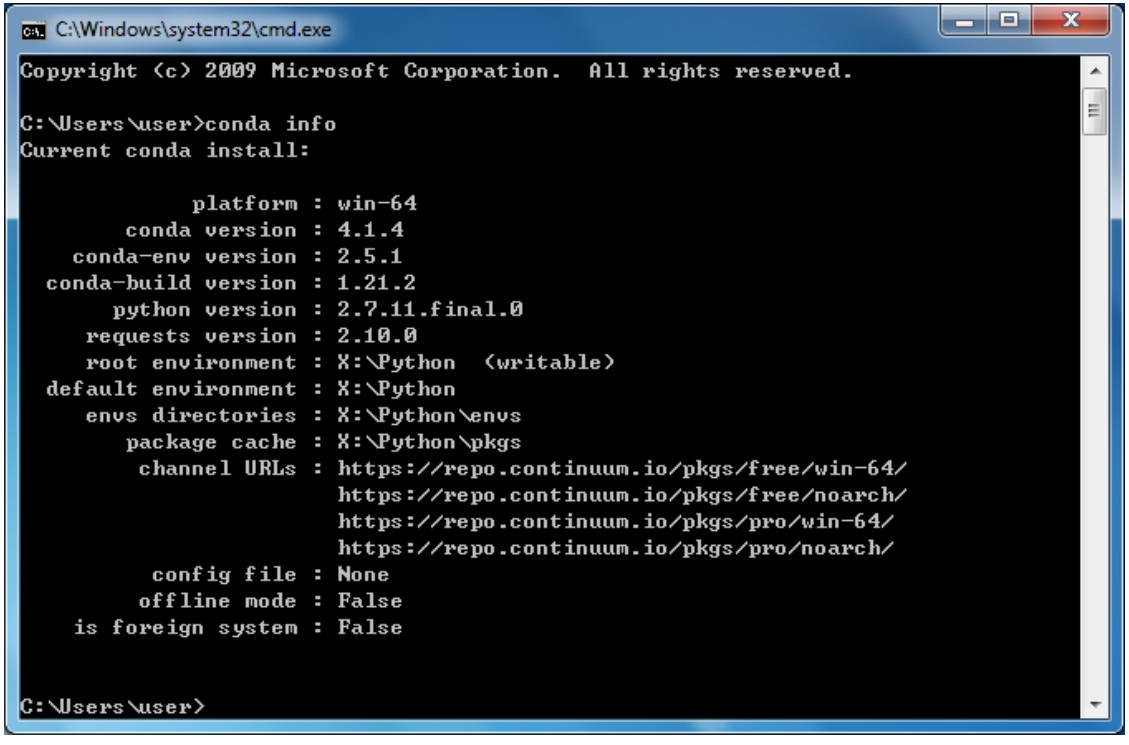


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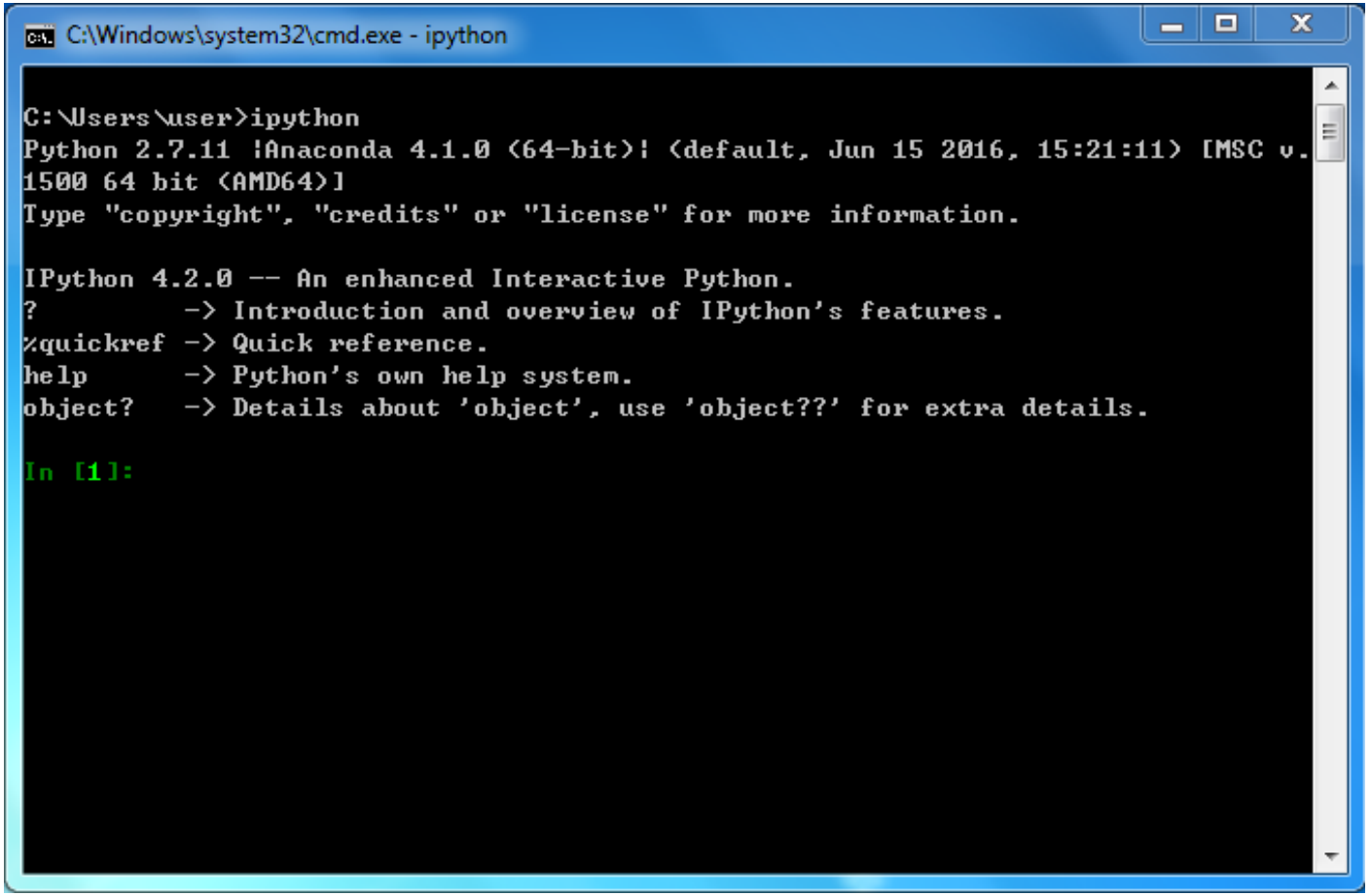

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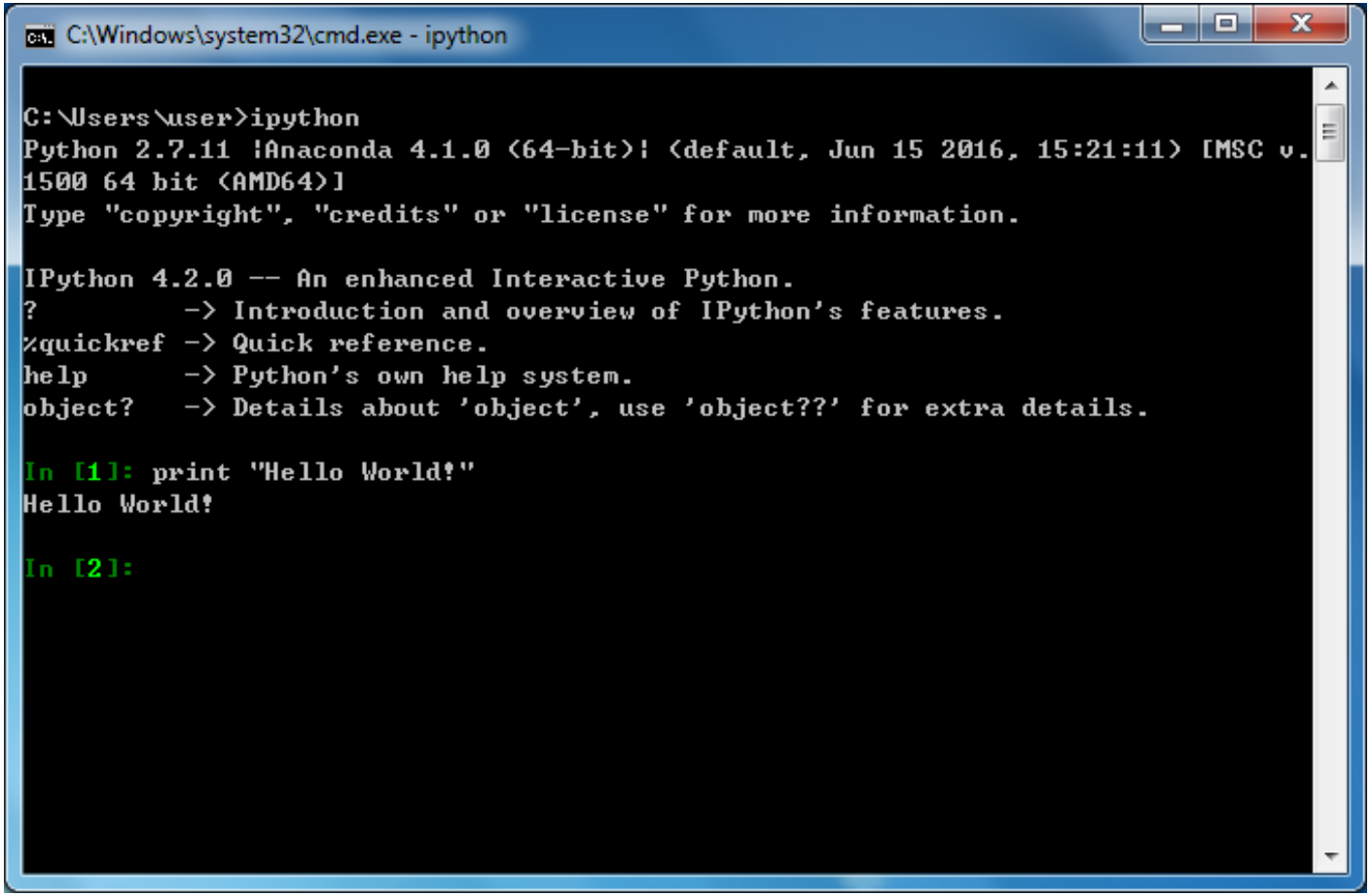

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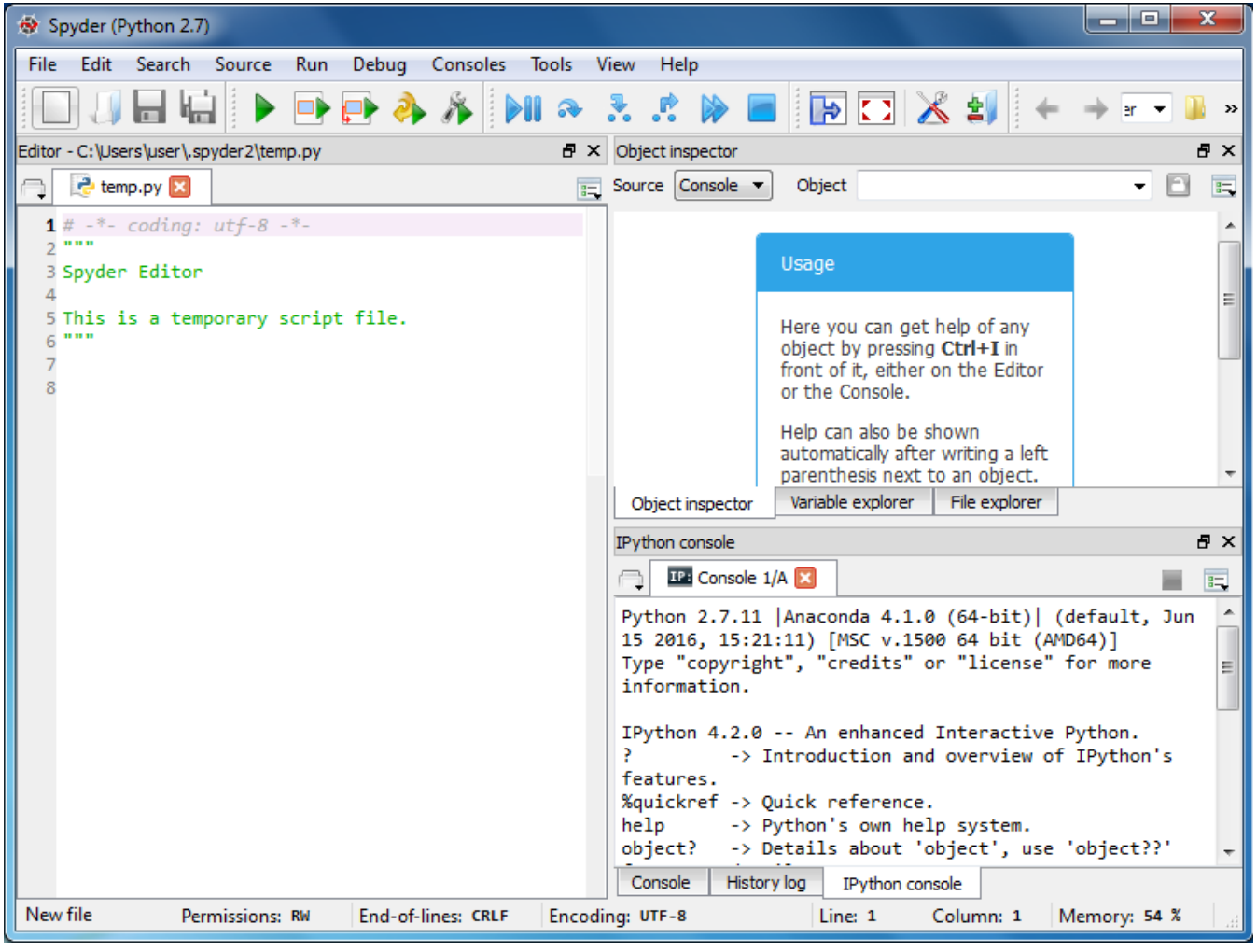

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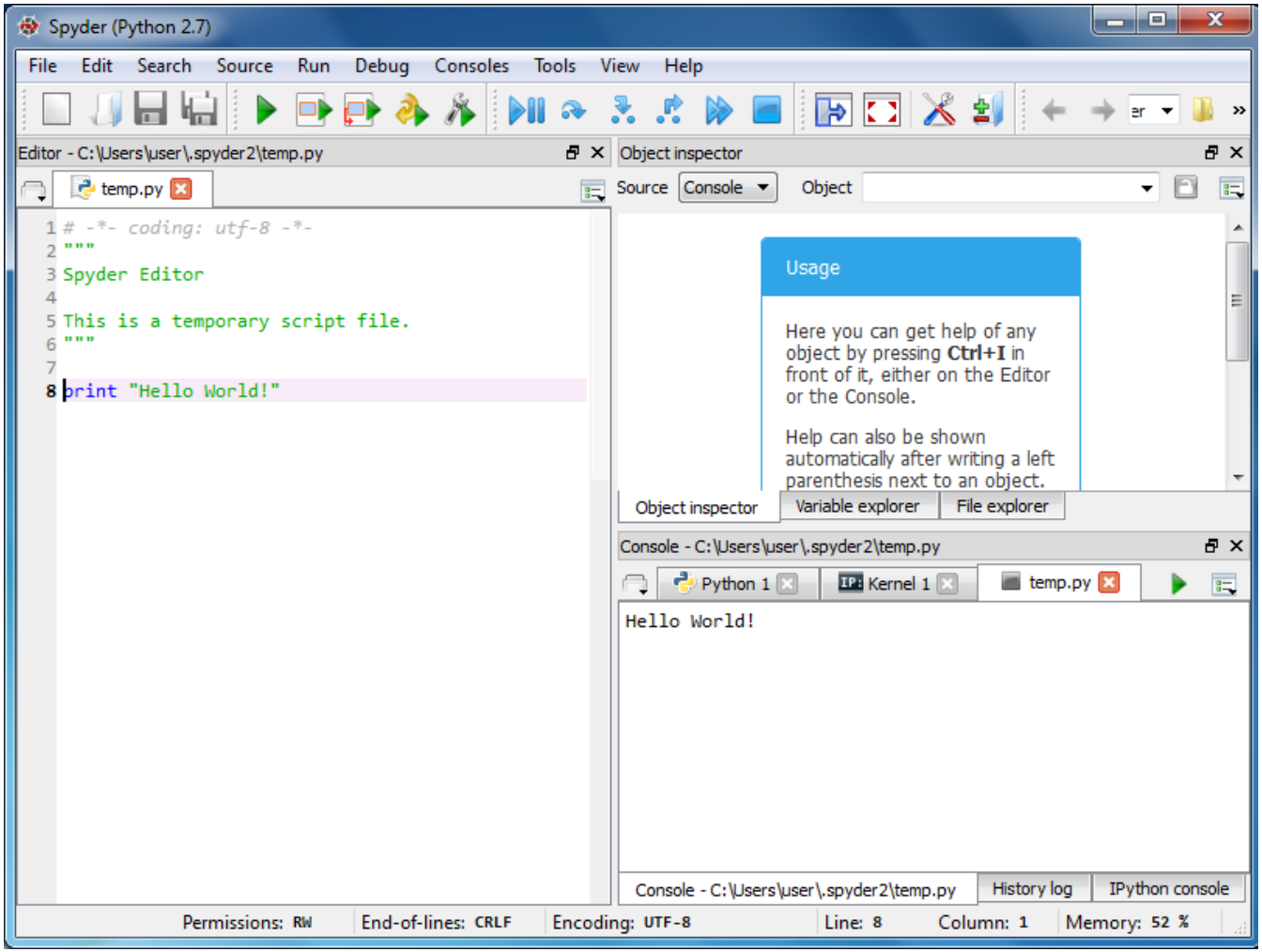

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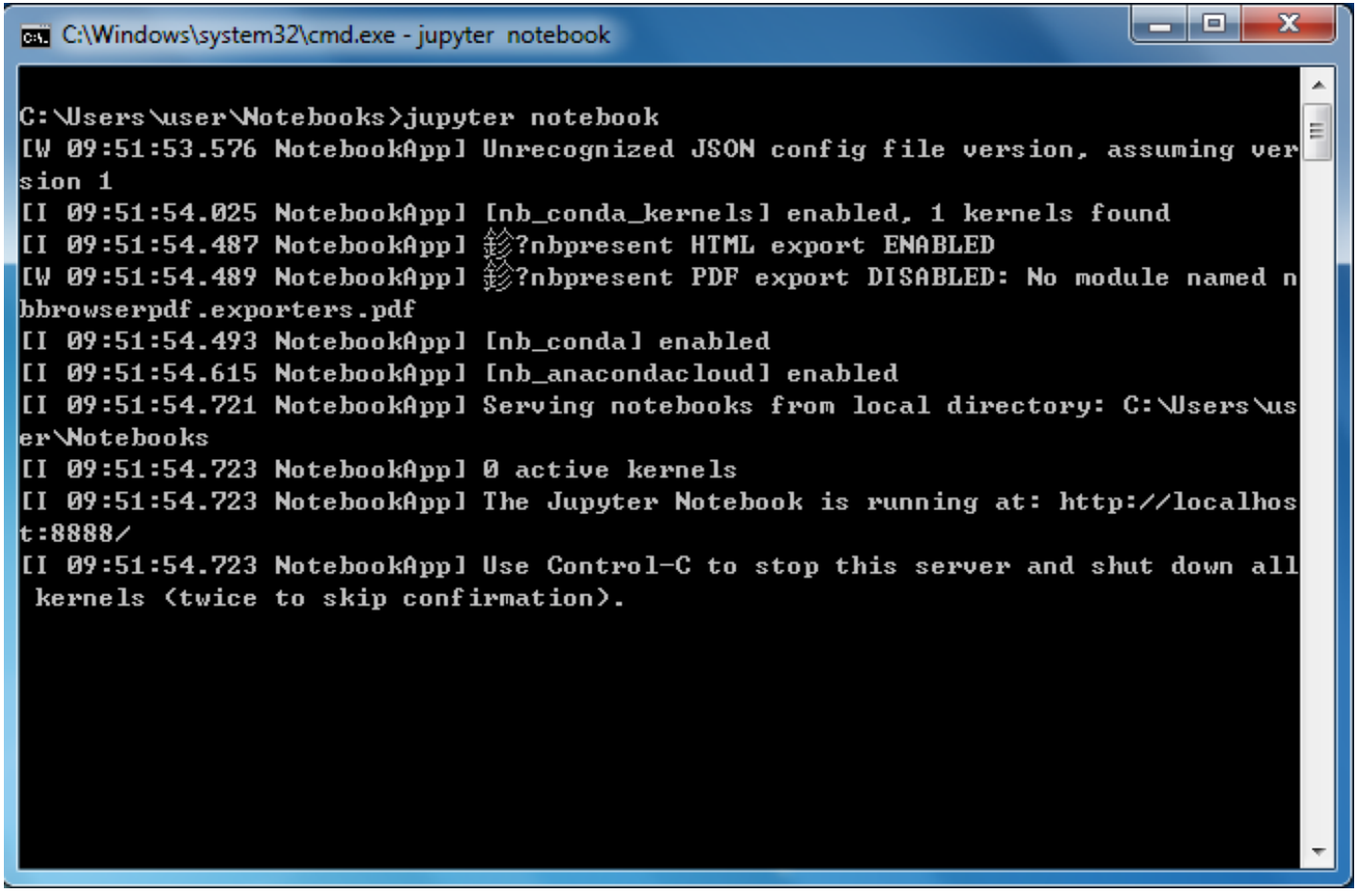

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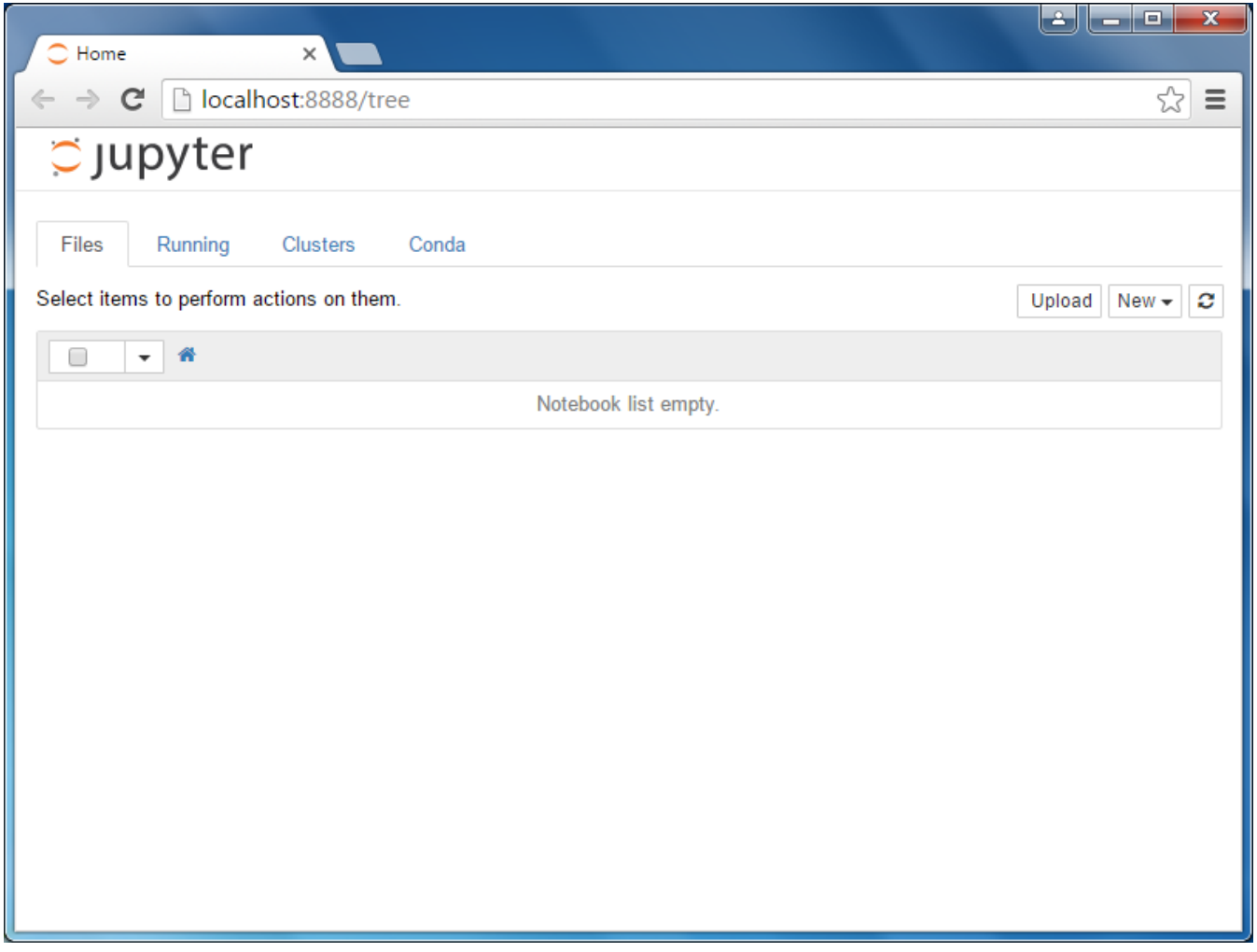

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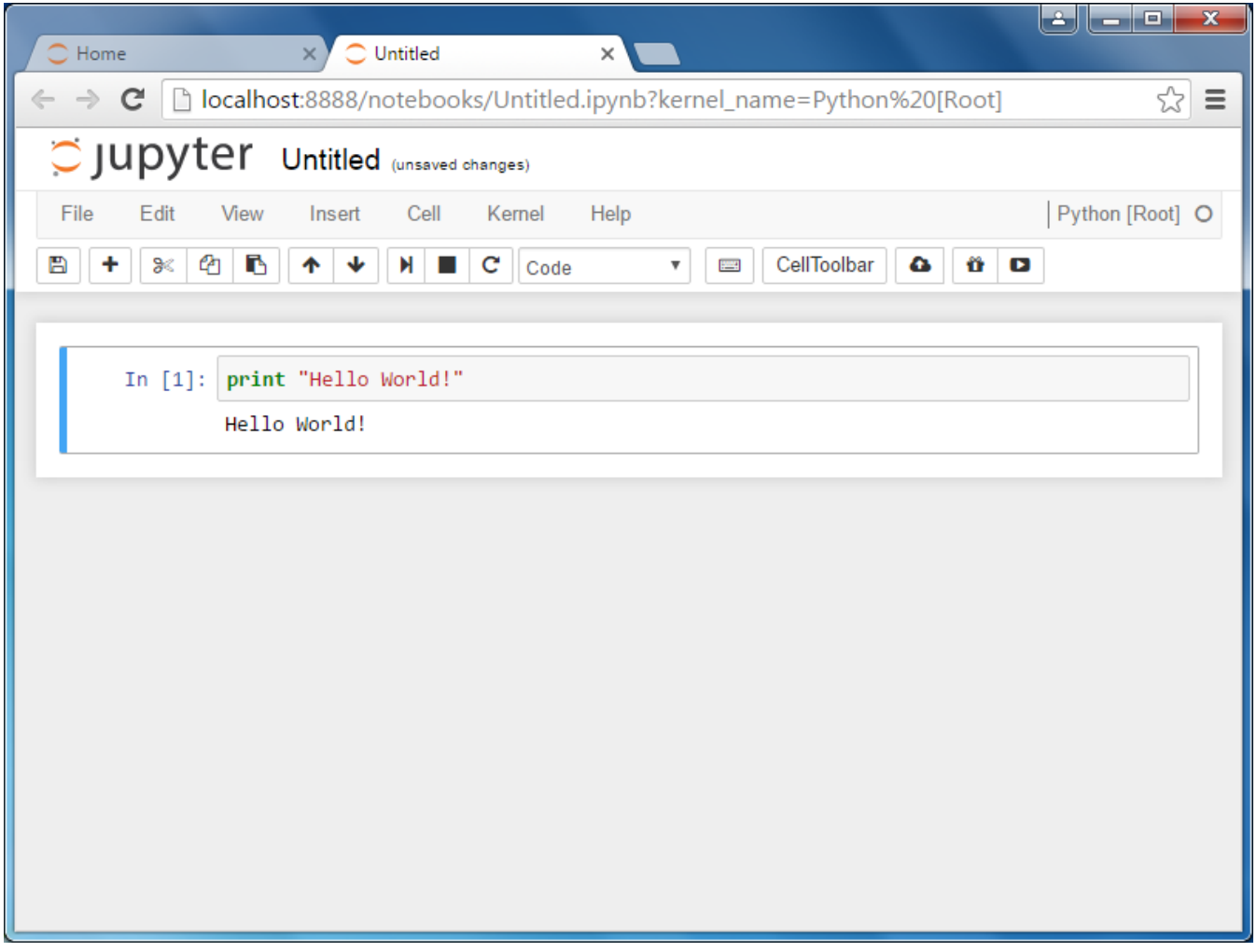

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## Reserved names

`import`, `lambda`, `If`, `True`...

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Real and Complex (`float` and `complex`)

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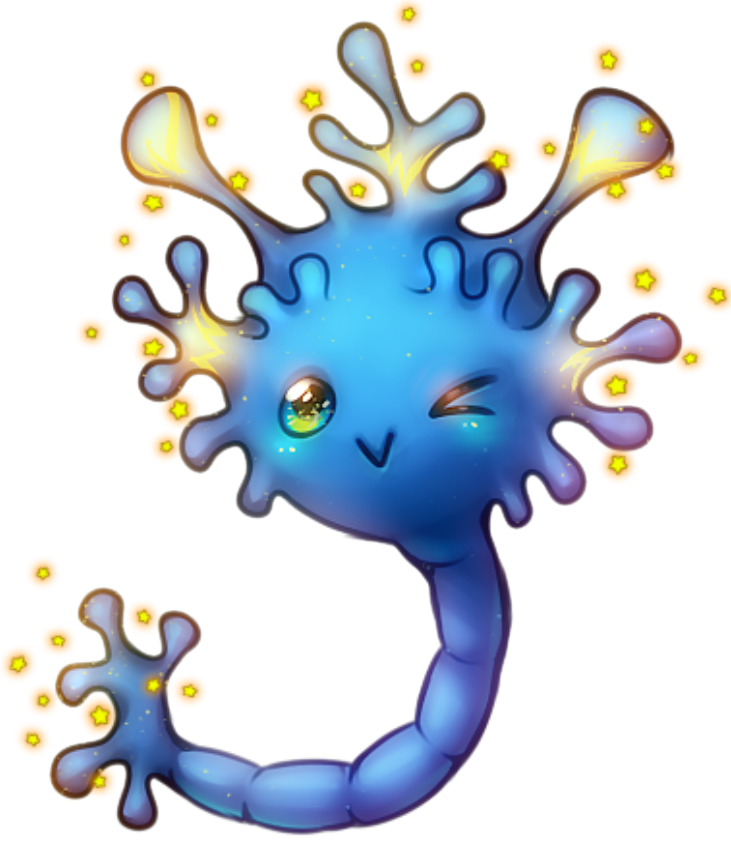
# Basic Variables Notebook



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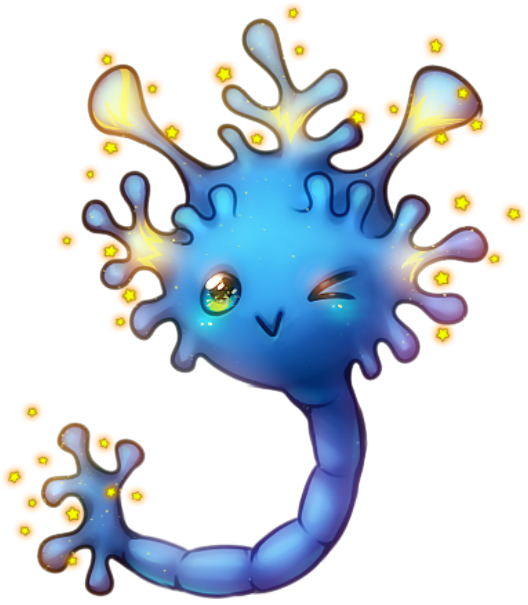

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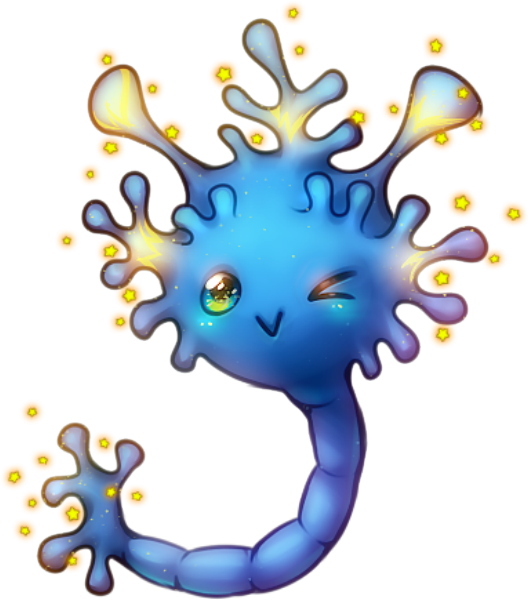

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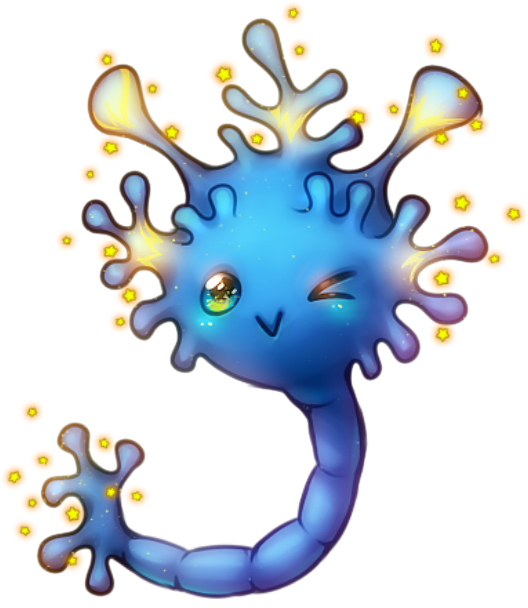

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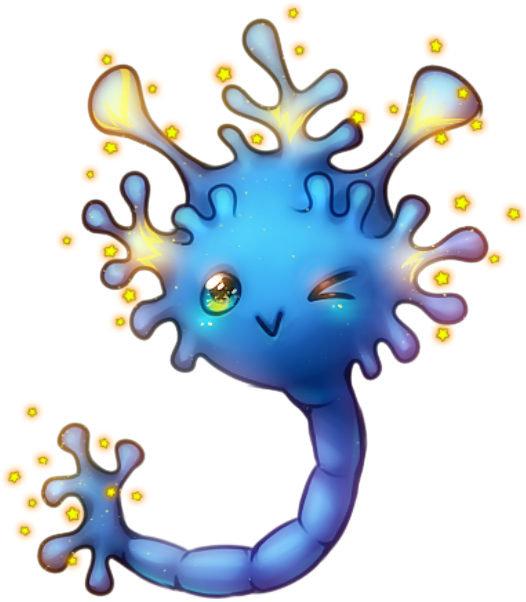

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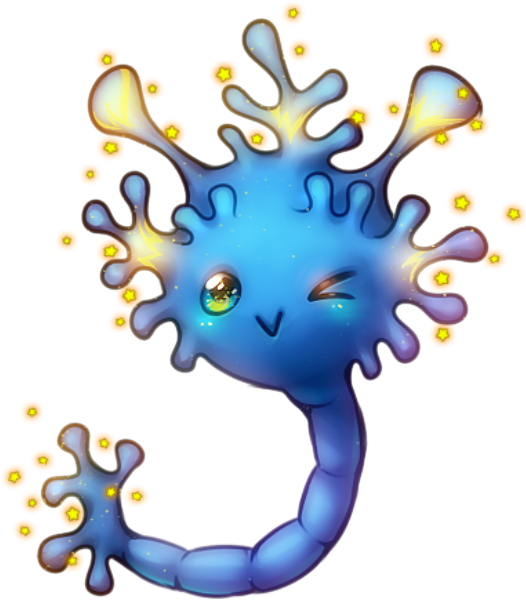

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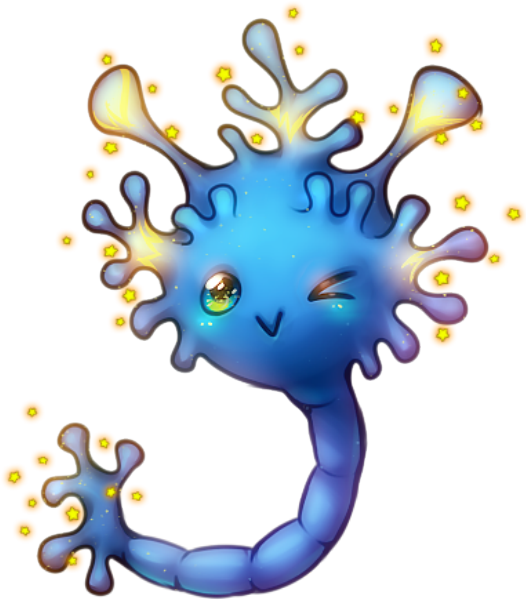

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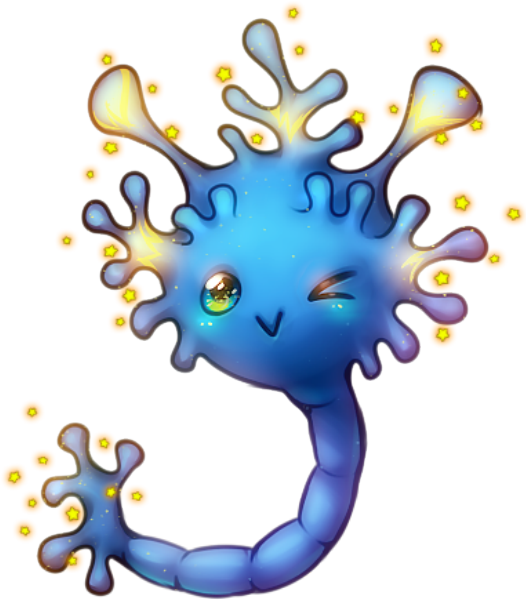

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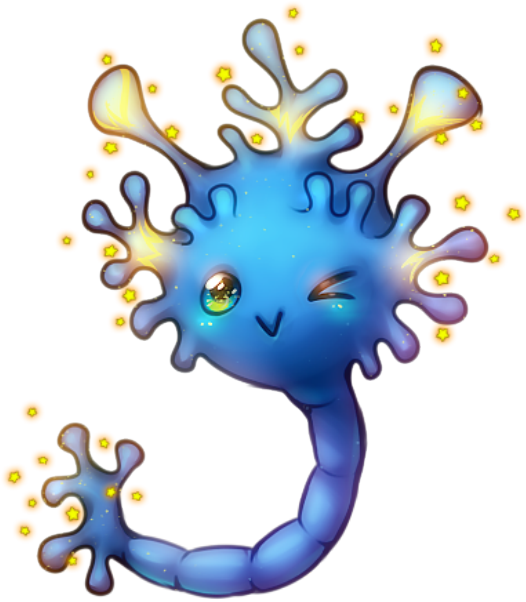

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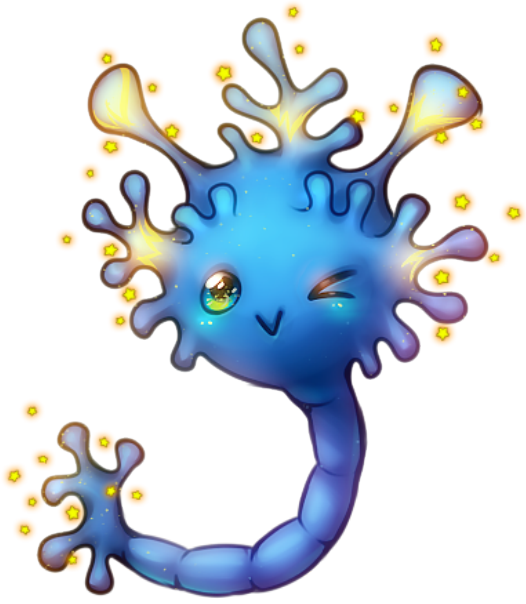

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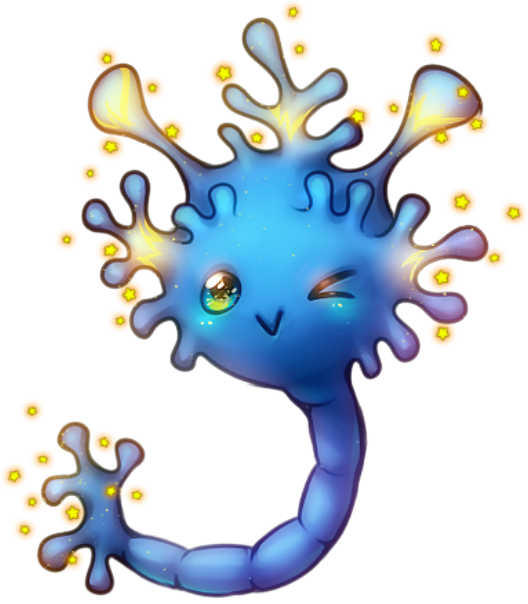

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(Exercise 1)

Encode simulation parameters

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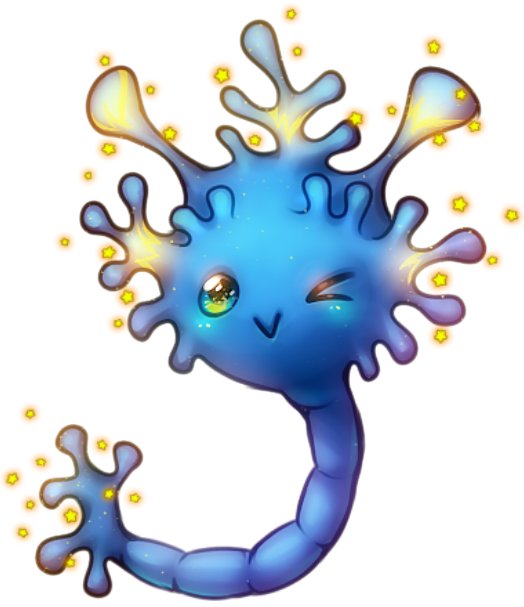

## Simulation parameters

```
t_max = 0.1          # second
dt = 1e-3            # second
tau = 20e-3          # second
el = -60e-3          # volt
vr = -70e-3          # volt
vth = -50e-3         # volt
i_mean = 25e-3       # ampere
```

# Control Flow

# Control Flow - Loops

## While loop

```
t, t_max, dt = 0, 10, 1

while t < t_max:
    print t
    t += dt

print "Finished at value t = ", t
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Use 4 whitespaces (PEP 8)

http://legacy.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0008/

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␣␣␣␣print t
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## If-Elif-Else statements

```
t_max = 10

if t_max < 1:
    print "t_max is less than 1 s"
elif t_max <= 0.5:
    print "t_max is between 1 and 5 s"
else:
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if t_max < 1:
    print "t_max is less than 1 s"
elif t_max <= 0.5:
    print "t_max is between 1 and 5 s"
else:
    print "t_max is more than 5 s"


t_max is more than 5 s
```

# Break & Continue

## Break and Continue statements

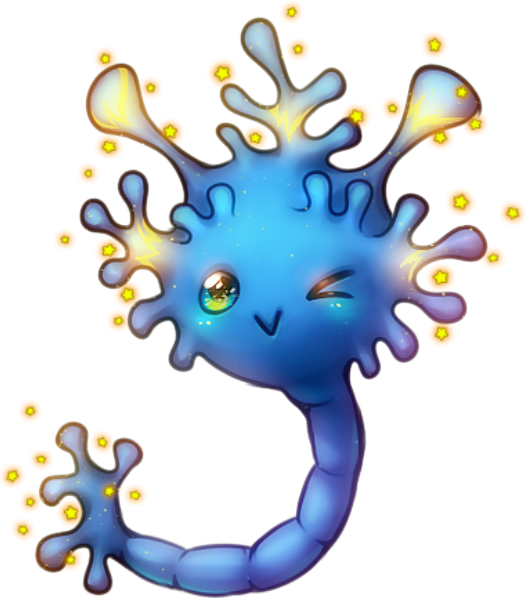
```
t, t_max, dt = 0, 10, 1

while t <= t_max:
    if t > 5:
        print "I'm done!"
        break
    elif t % 2 == 0:
        print t, "is even"
        t += dt
        continue
    t += dt

print "Finished at value t = ", t
```

# Control Flow Notebook

# LIF Neuron Exercise



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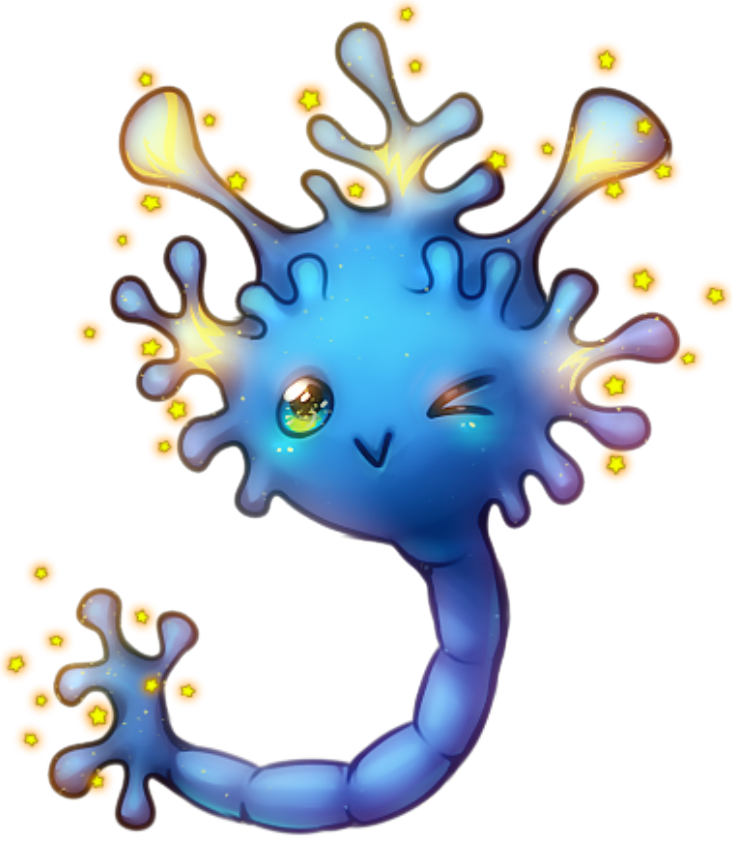


**Coding Time!**

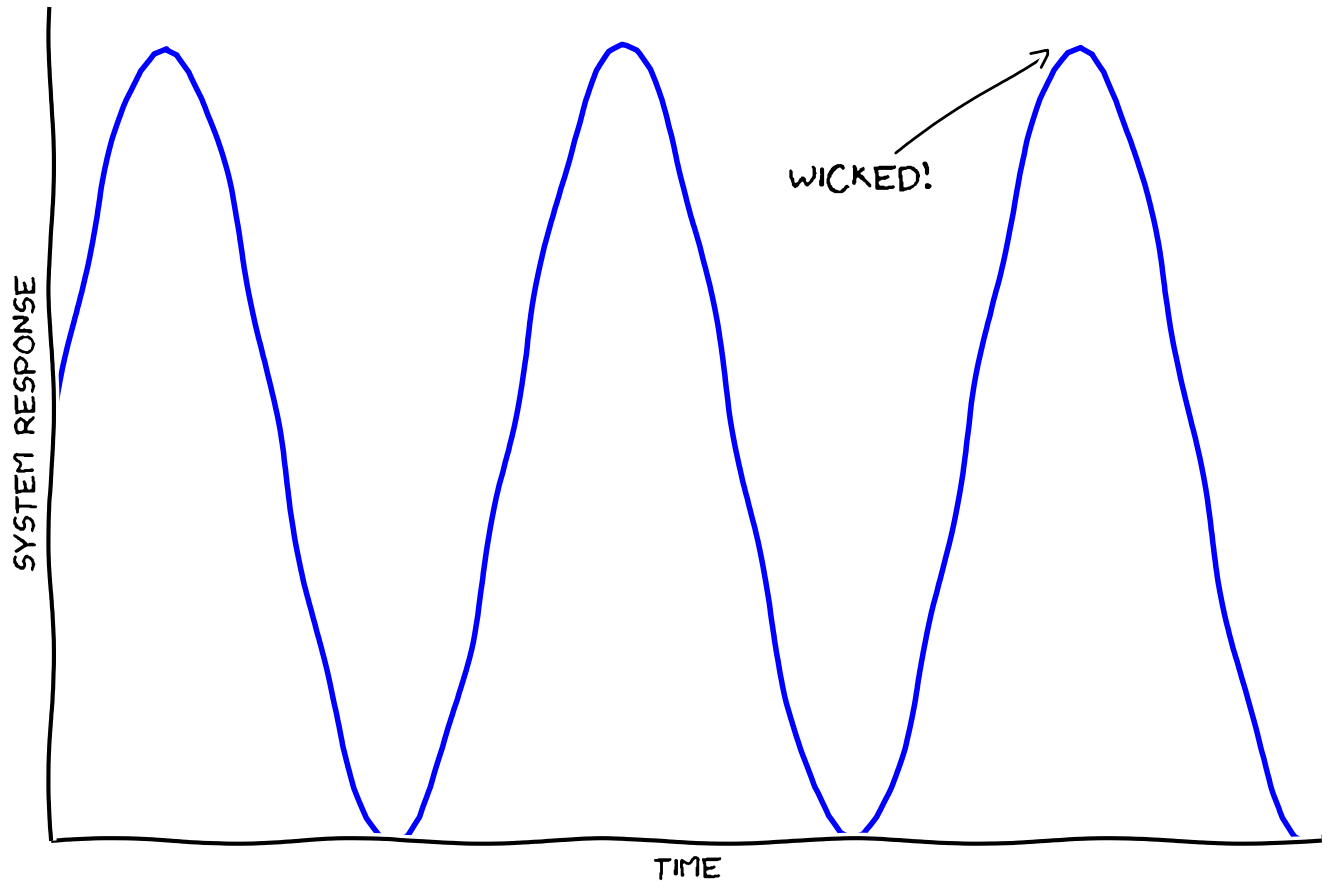
(Exercise 2)

Discrete time integration of $V(t)$

$$V(t+\Delta t) = V(t) + \Delta t(\cdots)$$

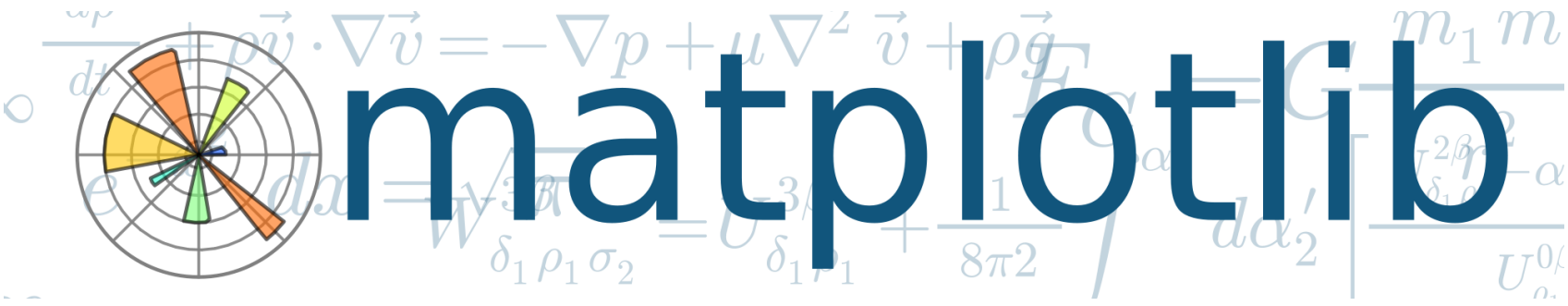
# Plotting

# Showing Your Stuff




SOME OSCILLATORY SYSTEM

# Matplotlib Library



# Simple Plot

Key function:

```
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will plot a red cross at position $(x, y)$ with label 'cross'

# Simple Plot

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

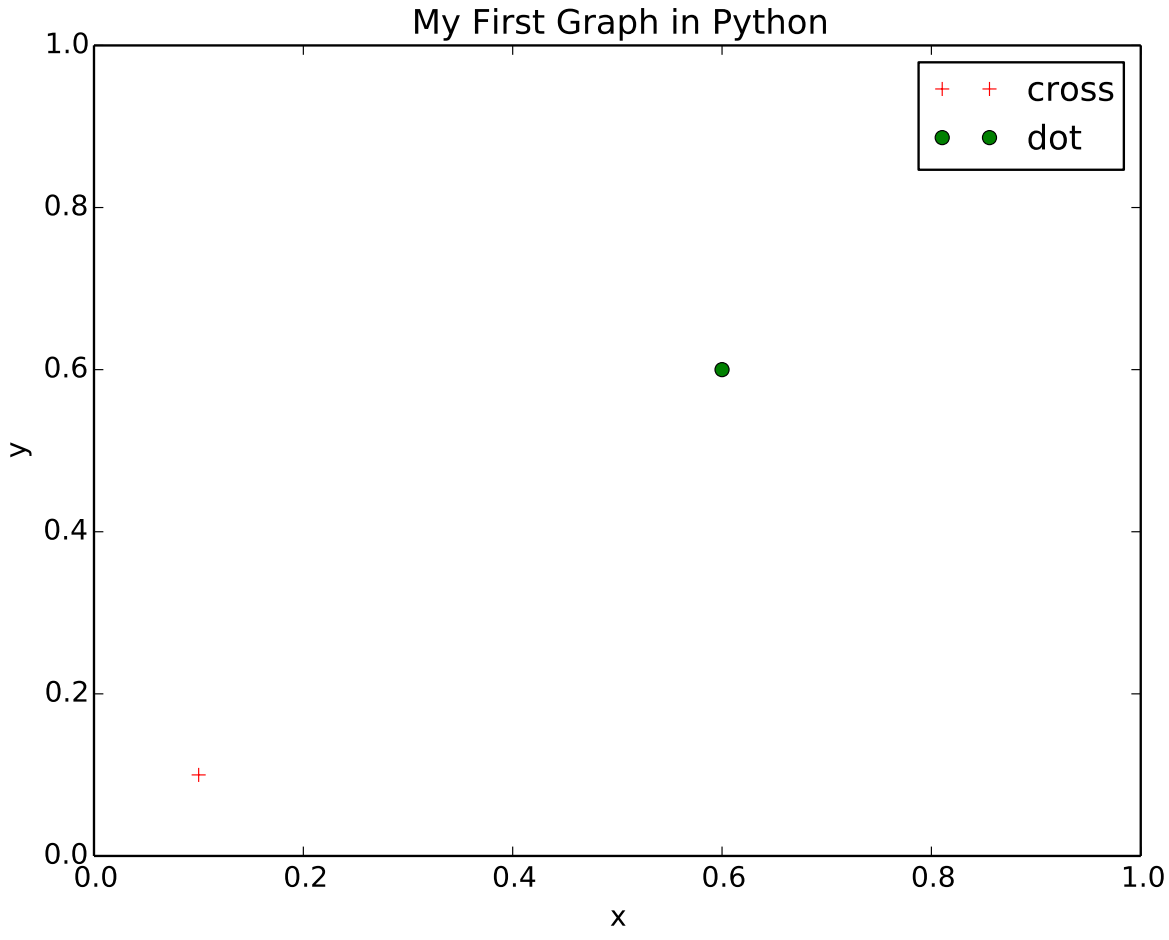
x1, y1, x2, y2 = 0.1, 0.1, 0.6, 0.6

plt.figure()
plt.plot(x1, y1, 'r+', label='cross')
plt.plot(x2, y2, 'go', label='dot')

plt.title('My First Graph in Python')
plt.xlabel('x')
plt.ylabel('y')
plt.legend()

plt.show()
```

# Simple Plot


My First Graph in Python
cross
dot
1.0
0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
0.0
y
0.0
0.2
0.4
0.6
0.8
1.0
x

# Plotting Lists

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x = range(10)
print x
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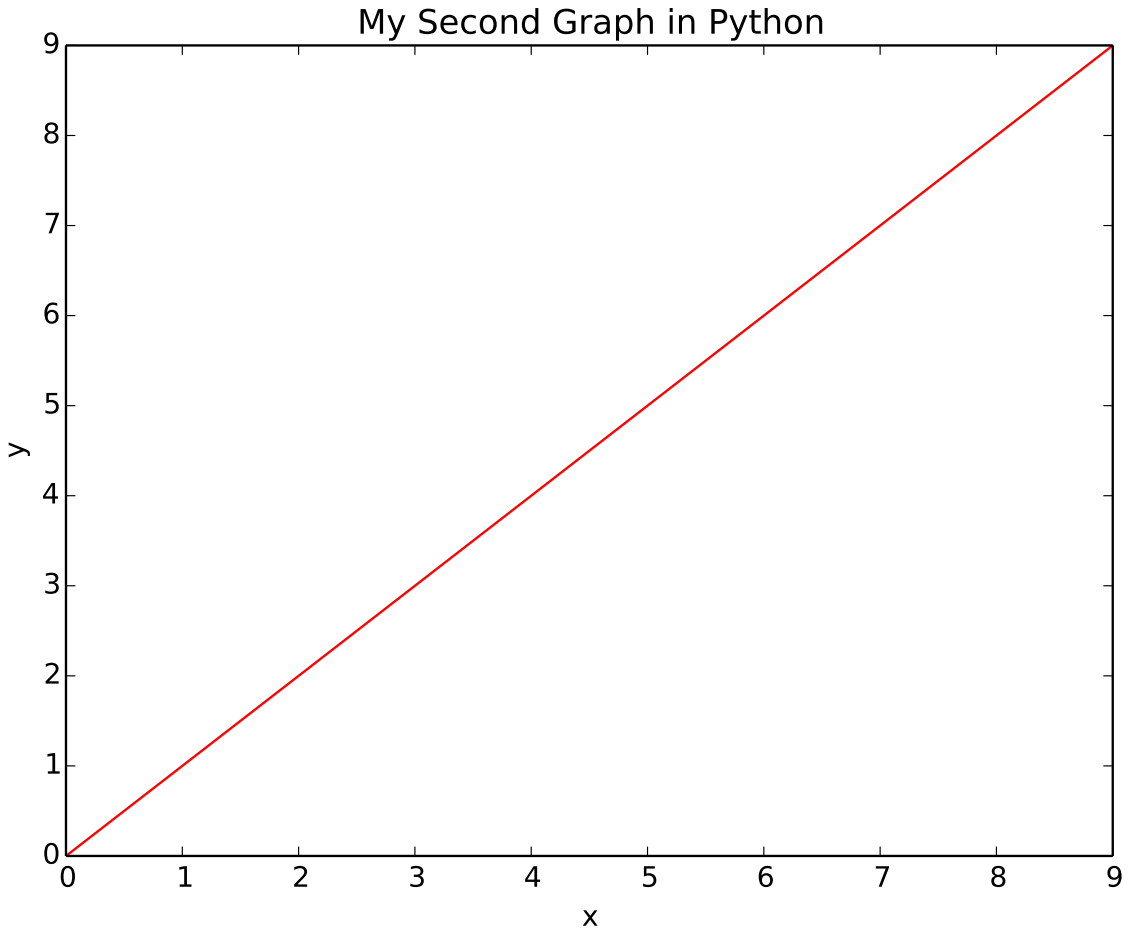
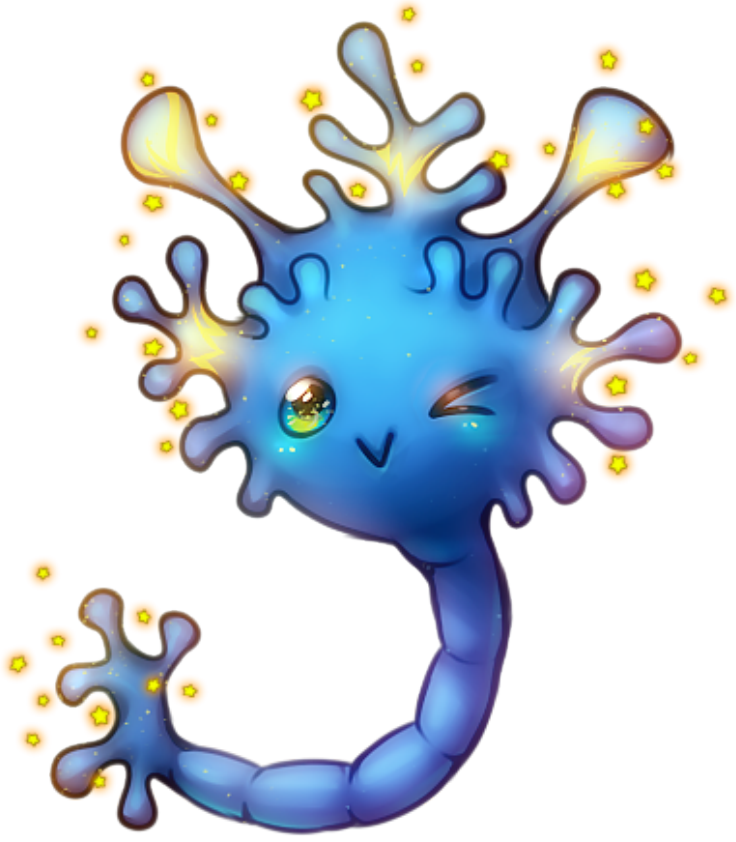
plot(x, x, 'ro')
```

# Simple Plot II



# Plotting Notebook

# LIF Neuron Exercise



**Coding Time!**

(Exercise 3)

Plot $V(t)$ time course

(Exercise 4)

Stochastic input currents

# Variables II

# List Indexing

```
mylist = [100, 1000.0, "John", 0.5 + 0.5j]
print mylist[0]
```

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```

```
100
```

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print mylist[0]
```

```
100
```

```
mylist = [100, 1000.0, "John", (0.5+0.5j), 10.0]
del mylist[-1]
print mylist
```

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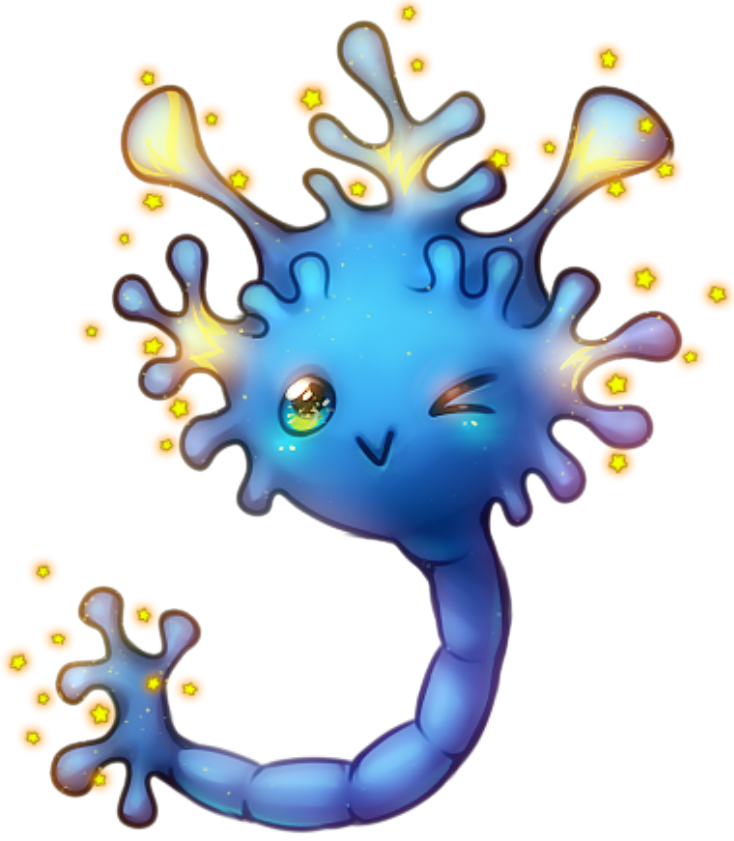
```

# Working with Lists Notebook

# LIF Neuron Exercise



**Coding Time!**

(Exercise 5, 6, 7 and 8)

Ensemble statistics

the sample standard variation

# Variables III

# Standard Variable Types - Dictionary

```
mydict = {'qty':  100, 'person':  "John"}
print mydict
```

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```
mydict = {'qty':  100, 'person':  "John"}
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```

```
{'person':  'John', 'qty':  100}
```

# Standard Variable Types - Dictionary

```
mydict = {'qty':  100, 'person':  "John"}
print mydict
```

```
{'person':  'John', 'qty':  100}
```

```
print mydict['person']
```

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print mydict
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```
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```

```
print mydict['person']
```

```
John
```

# Standard Variable Types - Dictionary

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print mydict.keys()
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['person', 'qty']
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```
['person', 'qty']
```

```
print mydict.values()
```

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mydict = {'qty':  100, 'person':  "John"}
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```

```
['person', 'qty']
```

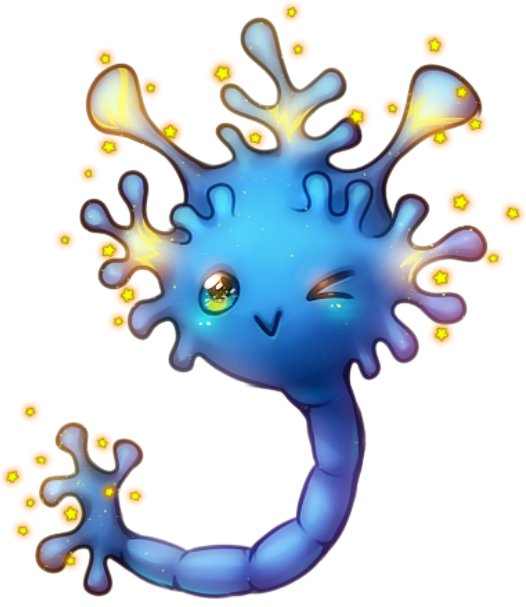
```
print mydict.values()
```

```
['John', 100]
```

# Dictionaries

# Notebook

# LIF Neuron Exercise



Membrane equation
with reset condition

If $V(t) < V_{th}$

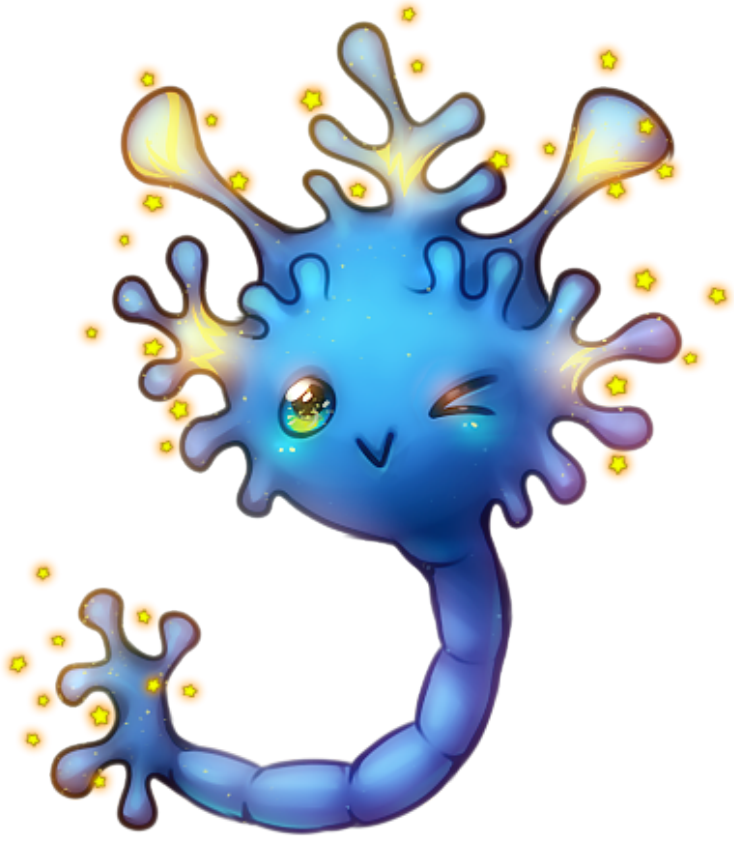
$$\tau_m \frac{d}{dt} V(t) = E_L - V(t) + RI(t)$$

Else

$$V(t) = V_r$$

record spike at time $t$

# LIF Neuron Exercise



**Coding Time!**

(Exercise 9)

Output spikes

(Exercise 10)

Refractory period
Integration step

# Recap

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Structure your Python code **Part II**

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# End Part I